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SUBJECT:

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GENEVA FOR SHARON AHMAD, UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES
AND PHELAN

1. SECTION 503 (C) (1) (A) OF TRADE ACT OF 1974 SPECIFICALLY
EXCLUDES FROM GSP "TEXTILES AND APPAREL ARTICLES WHICH ARE
SUBJECT TO TEXTILE AGREEMENTS".

2. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TSUS 360.15 AND TSUS 360.79 INVOLVES
FIBER CONTENT OF FLOOR COVERING. TSUS 360.15 INCLUDES
FLOOR COVERINGS WITH PILE OF WOOL, COTTON, OR MAN-MADE
FIBERS, HAND INSERTED OR HAND KNOTTED DURING WEAVING. IT
IS POSITIONED IN CATEGORY 132 AND IS SUBJECT TO TEXTILE

AGREEMENTS AND THUS INELIGIBLE FOR GSP. TSUS 360.79

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INCLUDES FLOOR COVERINGS OF VEGETABLE FIBERS OTHER THAN

COTTON. TSUS 360.79 IS NOT SUBJECT TO TEXTILE AGREEMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP.

3. FROM DESCRIPTION IN REFTTEL, HOWEVER, CARPETS IN QUESTION PROBABLY ARE POSITIONED IN TSUS 360.65 OR 360.70, DEPENDING ON VALUE. THESE ITEMS INCLUDE PILE OR TUFTED FLOOR COVERINGS IN WHICH THE PILE IS INSERTED OR KNOTTED INTO A PRE-EXISTING BASE, AND IS OVER 50 PERCENT WOOL BY WEIGHT. BOTH ARE IN TEXTILE CATEGORY 132 AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GSP. REFER TO PAGES 191 AND 192 OF TSUSA (1976) FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF ABOVE TSUS NUMBERS.

4. IF QUESTION STILL EXISTS CONCERNING POSITION OF SUBJECT CARPETS IN TSUS, SUGGEST SAMPLES BE FORWARDED TO OFFICE OF TEXTILES, USDC, FOR RULING. SAMPLES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY INFORMATION ON PERCENTAGE BY WEIGHT OF FIBERS INVOLVED, VALUE PER SQUARE FOOT, AND METHOD OF INSERTION OF PILE (WHETHER DURING WEAVING OR INTO A PRE-EXISTING BASE).

5. EVEN IF SUBJECT CARPETS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GSP, THIS WOULD NOT PREVENT PAKISTAN FROM SEEKING MFN CUTS ON HAND KNOTTED CARPETS IN MTN OR CONSTITUENT GROUPS. KISSINGER

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